

Media Release

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NEW CUTTING-EDGE CLASSROOMS FOR FOOTSCRAY KIDS

Students in Melbourne's west will now learn in brand new classrooms thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's innovative school building program.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Footscray Katie Hall today visited Footscray West Primary School to officially open the impressive new architect-designed modular building.

The \$1.9 million building contains new classrooms and an art and craft room to support student learning and meet the school's enrolment needs in one of Melbourne's fastest-growing areas.

The new modular building was delivered as part of the Labor Government's Asbestos Removal Program.

Using modular buildings is a fast and efficient way to help schools replace older buildings containing asbestos with brand new facilities.

They are built off-site and delivered to schools so teaching is not interrupted. The Victorian School Building Authority works with schools on building details such as colour and location.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$3.8 billion to improve classrooms, upgrade facilities and build new schools across the state.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

"We're delivering on the promise to build better schools for families in Melbourne's west."

"Using modular buildings increases flexibility for schools, and reduces the interruptions to students, staff and teaching programs."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"Footscray West Primary School is an excellent local school and it's great to see students and their teachers getting the state-of-the-art facilities they deserve."